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Applicant : Kevin Woehr  
Filed : January 4, 2005  
Title : CATHETER INSERTION DEVICE

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AMENDMENT REQUEST UNDER 37 CFR §1.48(a)  
CORRECTION OF INVENTORSHIP

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January 23, 2006

Commissioner:

Please amend the inventorship of the above-identified patent application to include Kenneth C. Raines. The named inventors should now be Kevin Woehr and Kenneth C. Raines.

The addition of Kenneth C. Raines as an inventor is necessitated by a discovery of information indicating that he had contributed to the invention as recited by the claims. The inventorship error occurred without deceptive intent by both Kenneth Raines and Kevin Woehr, the previously identified sole-inventor.

The following documents are being submitted herewith in support of the Amendment to Correct Inventorship:

1. Consent of Assignee;
2. Declaration by Named Inventor;
3. Declaration by Added Inventor;

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4. Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application by Kevin Woehr and Kenneth Raines; and

5. Processing fee of \$130.00 as set forth in §1.17(i) is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 03-1728.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by or to give effect to this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,  
CHRISTIE, PARKER & HALE, LLP

By   
Tom H. Dao  
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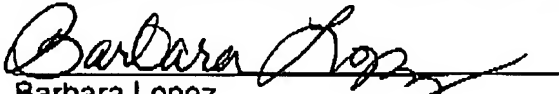
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AMENDMENT TO CHANGE INVENTORSHIP (Kenneth C. Raines) (2 pgs);  
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CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE UNDER 3.73(b)  
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Commissioner:

The above-identified patent application is assigned to B. Braun Melsungen AG by an assignment recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office at Reel/Frame 016520/0858. I have authority to act on behalf of the assignee, B. Braun Melsungen AG, and hereby consent to the change of inventorship requested by the Amendment submitted herewith.

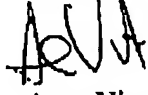
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Dated: January 20, 2006

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DECLARATION BY NAMED INVENTOR IN  
SUPPORT OF AMENDMENT TO CHANGE INVENTORSHIP

Commissioner for Patents  
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January 19, 2006

Commissioner:

I, Kevin Woehr, hereby declare that:

1. I make this declaration in support of the amendment under 37 CFR §1.48(a) to change the inventorship of the above-identified patent application.

2. During all times relevant to the conception and reduction to practice of this invention, I work for B. Braun Melsungen AG, the assignee of the above-identified application. During my employment, I had participated in several design projects, including the development of a catheter assembly that incorporates a check valve for stopping fluid backflow, which is the subject of the above-identified patent application.

3. During the development of this invention, I had conversed with Kenneth Raines. In reviewing my notes recently, I came to a realization that Mr. Raines had contributed to aspects of the invention and thereafter promptly notified my Patent Attorney.

4. Having reviewed the claims scope with my Patent Attorney, I believe Mr. Raines should now be identified as a co-inventor of the present application. The original filing without Mr. Raines was therefore made in error without any deceptive intent on my part.

**Appln No. 10/520,325**

5. This declaration in support of the Amendment under 37 CFR §1.48(c) is being diligently made subsequent to discussing this matter with my Patent Attorney.

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issuing thereon.

Dated: Jan. 13, 2006

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DECLARATION BY ADDED INVENTOR IN  
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January 20, 2006

Commissioner:

I, Kenneth C. Raines, hereby declare that:

1. I make this declaration in support of the amendment under 37 CFR §1.48(a) to change the inventorship of the above-identified patent application.

2. During all times relevant to the conception and reduction to practice of this invention, I work for B. Braun Medical Inc., a wholly owned U.S. subsidiary of the assignee of the above-identified patent application. During my employment, I had participated in several design projects, including the development of a catheter assembly that incorporates a check valve for stopping fluid backflow, which is the subject of the above-identified patent application.

3. During the development of this invention, I had conversed with Kevin Woehr, the currently named sole-inventor of the above-referenced patent application.

4. Having reviewed the specification and claims scope with my Patent Attorney, I believe I should be added as a co-inventor of the present application due to my contribution. The original filing without my name was therefore made in error without any deceptive intent on my part.

**Appln No. 10/520,325**

5. This declaration in support of the Amendment under 37 CFR §1.48(c) is being diligently made subsequent to discussing this matter with my Patent Attorney.

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issuing thereon.

Dated: JAN. 23, 2006

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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY  
FOR PATENT APPLICATION

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled CATHETER INSERTION DEVICE, the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following is checked:

☒ was filed on July 2, 2003 as United States Application Number or PCT International Application Number PCT/EP2003/07073 and was amended on \_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of the foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or any PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application(s)

<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Filing Date (day/month/year)</u>	<u>Priority Claimed</u>
202 10 394.3	DE	04/07/2002	YES

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any United States application(s), or any PCT International application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application.

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**DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

Docket No. S4104/K163

**POWER OF ATTORNEY:** I hereby appoint the practitioners associated with the law firm of Christie, Parker & Hale, LLP,

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to prosecute this application and any U.S. continuation or divisional application based on it, and to prosecute any international application under the Patent Cooperation Treaty based on it, and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected with either of them in accordance with instructions from the assignee of the entire interest in this application; or from the first or sole inventor named below in the event the application is not assigned; or from \_\_\_ in the event the power granted herein is for an application filed on behalf of a foreign attorney or agent.

The authority under this Power of Attorney of each person associated with the law firm of Christie, Parker & Hale, LLP, Customer Number 23363, shall automatically terminate and be revoked upon such person ceasing to be a member or associate of or of counsel to that law firm.

**DIRECT ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO: CUSTOMER NUMBER 23363**

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I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

<b>NAME OF SOLE OR FIRST INVENTOR</b>			
Kevin Woehr			
Investor's Signature <i>Kevin Woehr</i>			Date Jan 19, 2006
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Mailing Address:		Danziger Str. 2, 34587 Felsberg, Germany	

## DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

Docket No. 54104/K163

NAME OF SECOND INVENTOR			
Kenneth C. Raines			
Inventor's Signature <i>Kenneth C. Raines</i>			Date JAN. 23, 2006
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